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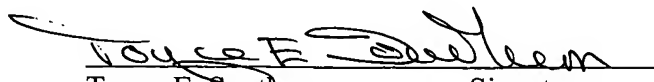
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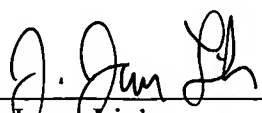
id. Applicant respectfully submits that in searching for prior art related to one Group, the Examiner may locate prior art related to the other Group and may also need to search the subclasse that the Examiner has associated with the other Group. For these reasons, Applicant submits that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803 (“If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.”).

Applicant also traverses the Examiner’s identification of Species. Specifically, the Examiner identified Species A as [t]he embodiment described on page 12, line 22-page 13, line 11.” Id., p. 3. Applicant notes that this portion of the specification is a description of a method of performing an operational set-up for the system shown in Fig. 1.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact J. Jason Link at 336.607.7443 or Charles W. Calkins at 336.607.7315 to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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